GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPLETING WATER LEVEL IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water level in most parts of Delhi is depleting at a very fast rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken/to be taken in this regard to make potable water available in the various areas, more particularly in Dwarka sub-city where water supply has reached a near-crisis level?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) As per the latest assessment of ground water resources of NCT Delhi carried out jointly by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and the State in 2004, 7 out of 9 districts are categorized as over-exploited (where stage of ground water exploitation is more than 100%) and shown significant decline in ground water level. These 7 districts are South, South-west, New Delhi, North-west, West, East and North-east districts.

(c) The Government of NCT Delhi has planned to amend the Water Board Act for regulation of ground water in NCT of Delhi. Drinking water is supplied to Dwarka sub-city from the Nangloi water treatment plant which is presently working at half of its capacity i.e. producing 20 MGD (Million Gallons/Day) against the capacity of 40 MGD. The water supply to Dwarka sub-city can be improved after full commissioning of Nangloi water treatment plant. The Delhi Jal Board is also planning to construct a 50 MGD capacity water treatment plant at Dwarka.